Sri V. R. NAIDU.—It is not a question of losing time, Sir. It is an honour done to the Tamilians.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Any way, in consultation with the Government, I will make a statement in the afternoon.

Questions held up for Answers.

1 P.M.

ಕೆ. ಪುಟ್ಟಸ್ವಾಮಿ.—ಮಾರ್ಚ್ ಎರಡನೇ ತಾರೀಖು 322ನೇ ನಂಬರಿನ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ಯೂನಿವರ್ಸಿಟಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಪಟ್ಟದ್ದು ಬಂದಿತ್ತು. ವಿದ್ಯಾ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಆ ಮೇಲೆ ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಡುತ್ತೇನೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು. ಸಾಕಾದಷ್ಟು ನರಿಯಾದ ಉತ್ತರ ಇಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದರಿಂದ ತಾವು ಇದನ್ನು ಆಮೇಲೆ ತೆಗೆದು ಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಒಂದು ತಿಂಗಳು ಆಯಿತು, ಇನ್ನೂ ಉತ್ತರ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಮೊನ್ನೆ ಕೇಳಿದಾಗ ಸಮಾಚಾರ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು. ನಾಳೆ ಕೇಳೋಣ.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Minister's Statement on Q. No. 811.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Industries).—As promised by me on the 11th on the floor of the House in connection with Q. No. 811 by Sri A. Bheemappa Naik, I am laying a statement on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

From the commencement of Road Transport operations under Government control, *i.e.*, from the year 1948-49 to the end of the year 1951-52, the capital investment at the end of each year was deemed to be the amount advanced by Government and at the credit of the Road Transport Department in the Drawing account of the Department. With effect from the year 1952-53, the capital investment at the end of year has been reckoned as below as suggested by the Accountant-General :—

Capital-Opening balance at the commencement of the year *plus* drawings from the treasury *minus* remittance into treasury or bank during the year.

The balance sheets for the years 1952-53 and 1953-54 therefore show capital aecording to this revised formula. The figure furnished in reply to the Question No. 811 Clause (e) about the capital investment at the end of 1953-54 is that which has been certified as correct in the Balance Sheet for that year, *minus* the audit charges amounting to Rs. 11,429-8-0 (which are included only for *pro forma* purposes).

The assets of the Department have been acquired not only out of the Capital advanced by Government but by debit to the Depreciation Reserve Fund and out of profits. Hence it is that the value of assets is greater than the capital investment.

The amount at the credit of the Depreciation Reserve Fund as at the end of 1953-54 is Rs. 23,50,667-3-1.

Home Minister's Statement on Road Transport investments.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Home Minister).—Sir, while I was replying to an interpellation put by the Hon'ble Member for Molakalmuru in regard to question No. 811, day before yesterday, I said I would place a statement on the Table of the House, which I have done. It requires a little clarification because a doubt—I believe it was an honest doubt—had arisen in the mind of the Hon'ble Member whether the total investment as given in my statement was correct. I have to clarify the position.

From the commencement of road transport operations under Government control, *i.e.*, from the year 1948-49 to the end of the year 1951-52, the capital investment at the end of each year was deemed to be the amount advanced by Government and at the credit of the Road Transport Department in the Drawing account maintained by the Department. With effect from the year 1952-53 the capital investment has been reckoned as below :—

Capital—Opening balance at the commencement of the year *plus* drawings from the treasury *minus* remittance into treasury or bank during the year.